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2. THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON GRENADA AS YET, APPARENTLY WAITING UNTIL AFTER THE CARICOM FONMIN MEETING IN BRIDGETOWN ENDS. JAMAICA IS BEING REPRESENTED THERE BY A LOYAL MANLEY FOLLOWER, PUBLIC UTILITIES MINISTER CARLYLE DUNKLEY. THERE IS NO QUESTION, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOJ WILL ACCEPT THE NEW GOVERNMENT ENTHUSIASTICALLY, THOUGH WITH PERHAPS A MILD TUT-TUT OVER THE NECESSITY OF A COUP. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PRESS AND RADIO/
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TELEVISION HAVE ALREADY BEEN LAUDING THE MOVE AND LAMPOONING THE GAIRY GOVERNMENT.

3. MANLEY AND HIS PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) CONSIDER THE NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT AS A PROTEGE, AND THERE ARE VERY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. TV HAS BEEN SHOWING CLIPS OF MANLEY MEETING WITH BISHOP AT VARIOUS

TIMES IN THE PAST, AND IT WAS JAMAICA WHICH LED A STRONG PROTEST MOVEMENT LAST YEAR WHEN GAIRY REFUSED TO LET THE NJM COME TO THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE.

4. WE CANNOT ADD MUCH TO BRIDGETOWN'S REPORTS ON THE SCENE IN GRENADA. THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING COMPANY'S "BARBADOS IN GRENADA. THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING COMPANY'S "BARBADOS CORRESPONDENT", RICKY SINGH, WAS ON THE AIR FROM BRIDGETOWN AT 1330 AND SAID THAT ALL WAS NOW NORMAL IN GRENADA, THOUGH THE AIRPORT IS STILL CLOSED AND TELEPHONES TO THE ISLAND ARE CUT OFF. SINGH CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN TO BISHOP THISMORNING, WHO ASSURED HIM THAT HE DESIRED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES "EXCEPT CHILE AND SOUTH KOREA," WHO, BISHOP CLAIMED, GAVE ALL-OUT SUPPORT TO THE CORRUPT GAIRY REGIME. BISHOP ALSO, ACCORDING TO SINGH, SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD STRESS REGIONAL, I.E., CARIBBEAN, COOPERATION ABOVE ALL ELSE. SINGH ADDED THAT BISHOP INTENDED TO MAKE AN "ADDRESS" TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA, AS SOON AS THE PHONE SERVICE IS RESTORED. ANSWERING A QUESTION, SINGH SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THE NJM WAS DEFINITELY NOT COMMUNIST, JUST MILDLY SOCIALIST, ALTHOUGH IT HAS HAD CLOSE "FRATERNAL" TIES WITH CUBA.
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